



KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL YSGOL BRENIN HARRI'R VIII

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Dear Parent/carer,

It has been a busy and exciting term at KHS and I have enjoyed meeting many of you at our open evenings and school events. Details of our pupils amazing successes are shared on twitter, please follow us @kinghenryschool. In addition, please keep an eye out for our Governor's Report to Parents. A copy of the report can be found on our school website [Governors Annual Report to Parents 2018](#)

YEAR 7 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND CAROL CONCERT

Year 7 will be presenting their Christmas Celebration on **Thursday 20 December** and we warmly invite all parents and family friends to join us at 9.15am when we celebrate Year 7's first successful term with us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to our annual Carol Concert which will be held on Tuesday 18 December in St Marys Church at 7pm. As usual, this promises to be an excellent event. Due to Health and Safety restrictions at the Church, we have been advised to issue tickets for the event; there will be no charge, but we do need to limit the amount of people in the audience.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

School will finish at **1.30pm** on the last day of term, Friday 21 December. The school day will be rearranged with 50 minute lessons and lunch will be from 11.50am until 12.40pm. School buses will arrive at 1.30pm.

SEVERE WEATHER

In the event of severe weather, notification that the school is being closed will be given in the following ways:

- Monmouthshire County Council website: www.monmouthshire.gov.uk
- KHS website: www.kinghenryviiiischool.org.uk
- KHS Twitter Account: @kinghenryschool
- Announcement on local radio stations.

OPEN DOOR SESSIONS

As a school, we are always looking for opportunities to further engage parents and enhance our communication with yourselves. With this in mind, we shall be holding regular "open door" sessions between 4pm and 7pm. You do not need to make an appointment but for health and safety reasons you will need to report to Reception where you will be met by a member of senior staff. The dates for the "open door" sessions are:-

*Monday 7th January 2019 (**Cancelled due to first day back**)*

Thursday 7th February 2019

Monday 18th March 2019

Monday 29th April 2019

Monday 20th May 2019

Thursday 27th June 2019

Monday 8th July 2019

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<p>Parents' Evenings 4pm-7pm At our parents evening we use an appointment system, which will help you plan your evening. Your child will be issued with an appointment card.</p> <p>Year 7 Thursday 11 April 2019 Year 9 Thursday 7 March 2019 (inc Options) Year 10 Thursday 10 January 2019 Year 12 Thursday 28 March 2019</p>	<p>Awards evening Thursday 10 January 2019</p> <p>Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 24 January 2019</p> <p>Family Assemblies Year 7 Monday 15 July 2019 Year 8 Tuesday 16 July 2019 Year 9 Wednesday 17 July 2019</p>
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SCHOOL TIMETABLE

I have already written to Year 8 parents and carers making them aware that due to an unprecedented increase in pupil numbers into this year group we have added an additional teaching group as from 7 January 2019. The timetable rewrite has now been completed. Wherever possible we have minimised the impact on other year groups however there are some changes and new timetables where required will be issued on Monday 7 January 2019.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Can I please remind parents/carers that it will not always be possible for you to see a member of staff, including the Senior Leadership Team without a previously arranged appointment. We always try our best to sort out difficulties, but to avoid frustration, it is better to ring before you visit to arrange a convenient time. Our Wellbeing and Learning Support Officers (WBSOs) are the **first point of contact for any parent or carer** and work closely with the Wellbeing Leaders. These valuable support staff do not have a teaching timetable and are committed to working with pupils, parents/carers and staff to ensure all children are ready to learn. They can be contacted on the numbers listed below, our main school number 01873 735373 or alternatively via email info@KHS.Schoolsedu.org.uk

WBSO Years 6 & 7	WBSO Years 8 & 9	WBSO Years 10 & 11	WBSO Interventions	Wellbeing Leader Years 6 - 8	Wellbeing Leader Years 9 - 11
01873 735375	01873 735387	01873 735314	01873 735375	01873 735350	01873 735329
Mrs J Price	Mr S Hollingworth	Miss L Warren	Mr K Hudson	Mrs A Jones	Mrs J Davies

Thank you, once again for your continued support as the partnership between home and school underpins the wellbeing and progress of each and every child at KHS.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on **Monday 7 January 2019 (Week 2)**.

Yours sincerely



Mrs E Lewis
Headteacher